

Crime Bulletin - Richmond Rural

March 2022

Hot Topic

During the month of March neighbourhood officers have been attending local schools and businesses to raise awareness of county lines. County lines is a form of criminal exploitation. It is when criminals befriend children, online or offline, then manipulate them into drug dealing. The 'lines' refer to mobile phones that are used to control a young person who is delivering drugs, often to more rural locations outside their home county.

County lines operations are often hard to spot, but the signs are visible. You might notice a child has multiple mobiles, comes home with unexplained injuries or bruising, suddenly has new trainers they can't afford. These could all be indicators that a young person is in trouble. We encourage everyone to learn the signs of exploitation and how to report it if worried.

Above is a very brief overview of county line for more information please visit these useful websites:

www.ourwatch.org.uk/county-lines

www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work/child-criminal-exploitation-and-county-lines

www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/what-we-do/crime-threats/drug-trafficking/county-lines

Incidents of note

I'm pleased to say that crime over the last few months crime has been relatively low around the rural areas of Richmond.

Barton

Attempt burglary of farm out buildings 12/03/2022

Broken window Barton village hall -13/03/2022

Brompton-On-Swale & Scorton

Attempt theft of caravan-04/03/2022

Croft-on-tees

Fly tipping Eryholme lane- 05/03/2022

Fly tipping Jolby lane-18/03/2022

Gilling West

ASB Nuisance-01/03/22

Melsonby

Burglary The George Hotel Peircebridge-14/03/22

Middleton Tyas

Poaching-17/03/2022

Rural Team Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Felicity, we will endeavour to help and support where we can.

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